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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under the position of 37 CFR 1.183 for a waiver of the requirement according to 37 CFR 1.26 (c) that a period equivalent to the period of abandonment of the above-identified patent application be disclaimed and of the requirement of promptitude in the petition of revival under 37 CFR 1.137 (a). In the attached declaration as to the showing of the cause of unavoidable delay in filing a proper response, it is shown on one hand that what is exceeding six months in the period from the date of abandonment to the filing of the joint petition for revival is not the applicant's fault and on the other hand that the applicant has been as prompt as possible to file such a petition for revival. So justice requires waiver of these requirements.

Enclosed is:

- payment by check drawn on the Bank of America of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (h) (\$130).

Respectfully submitted.

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In re Application of Philippe Jean Henri Berna Application No. 08/580,493 Deposited: December 29, 1995 For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE

LETTER REGARDING IMPROPER FILING

The above-identified application was recently referred to this office for review of the filing date accorded the application.

The application was deposited on December 29, 1995, as a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.62 based on prior application No. 08/321,589.

This application is not a proper filing under 37 CFR 1.62, because the prior application was abandoned prior to the date of deposit of the 37 CFR 1.62 application.

37 CFR 1.62(a) reads, in part, as follows:

A continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application, which uses the specification, drawings and oath or declaration from a prior nonprovisional application which is complete as defined by § 1.51(a)(1), and which is to be abandoned, may be filed under this section before the payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings on the prior application, or after payment of the issue fee if a petition under § 1.313(b)(5) is granted in the prior application. (emphasis supplied)

The file of prior application No. 08/321,589 reveals that a final Office action was mailed therein on July 3, 1995, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for response. On October 16, 1995, an "Advisory Action" was mailed resetting the period for response to the final Office action to expire "three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later." Thus, the period for



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